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VISITED BNAPS EVENT

L. D. Winder of London, Ont., writes —

"I happened to be in Ithaca, N.Y. in mid-October and learned that the B.N.A.P.S. Convention was in session, while I was there. Mrs. Winder and I were on a trip there to visit our son. Met a lot of Canadians — Fred Jarrett, Jim Sissons, three chaps from Kitchener. The exhibition of Canadian stuff was really outstanding. Also met Ed Richardson, who was chairman of the convention and a very busy man — had only a minute to talk to anyone. Cornell University has a very live stamp club. They had on exhibition while we were there, a topical collection of stamps relating to the textile industry, such as weaving, spinning, cotton, silk, rayon, silk worms, etc., all depicted on stamps. One of the best in that line I have ever seen.

LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The London Philatelic Society of London, Ontario, have one of the most active seasons planned for the six months. They opened the fall and winter season on September 19th, then on October 3rd, the society was favored with an address by one of its members, Mr. John Middlebrook, who took as his subject—"Flowers in my garden of memory." Mr. Middlebrook started with the flowers that bloom in the early spring, following through the summer, autumn and winter. His talk was illustrated with natural colored slides, all taken by himself. After the lecture, several of the members who collect flowers on stamps, helped Mr. Middlebrook with the conclusion of his lecture.

On October 17th, the evening was turned over to the auction committee, who staged what is known as a spot auction, and some 75 lots exchanged hands.

The society will hold their annual Dinner, Bourse and Auction on April 11th, 1953. This event is becoming very popular throughout western Ontario and many guests attend from as far away as Toronto, Detroit, Hamilton, Port Huron and intermediate places.

The society meets in the London Masonic Temple, 250-4 Queens Ave., London, Ontario, where anyone interested in stamps will find a very cordial welcome on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

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This new stamp album makes its appearance at an opportune time for the Christmas trade. Made with a ripple surface black leatherette cover, lettered in gold and of the ring binder type it lends itself to speedy insertion of extra leaves or re-arrangement of original leaves. Printed on a fine quality of white paper it is thoroughly illustrated with the stamps of Canada, and provinces of British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Stamp illustrations are accompanied by dates of issue, and denominations of each. And for the Revenue collector a 30-page section is available for complete Federal issues. For convenience a perforation gauge is printed on the index page. New pages are purposed to be available following appearance of new stamps.

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"The British Post Office ended a long-time service: mailing people to addresses they couldn't find. A visitor in a strange neighborhood could in the past, go to a Post Office, pay a shilling fee, and be led to his destination by a special messenger. The service has not been much used in recent years."

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Royal Tour Covers—1951

B. EUGENE BARNA

There has been considerable interest shown in the covers mailed aboard the Royal Train during the tour of the then Princess Elizabeth and her husband, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in October and November of 1951.

On seeing that very little mention of them was made in the philatelic press, I decided to endeavour to make a survey of the number in the hands of philatelists. Although my survey is far from complete, I am giving this account with the hope that I will hear from other collectors who possess such covers.

Many sent covers to the Postmaster of the Royal Train but as a rule they were returned to the sender with the following note from the Post Office Dept.

"Dear Sir, or Madam:

NO FACILITIES FOR PHILATELIC MAIL ON ROYAL TRAIN.

The stamped addressed envelope(s) or post card(s) you forwarded to the Postmaster or Railway Post Office Clerk at ———— is/are returned herewith, uncancelled.

It is regretted that the Royal Train does not possess facilities for servicing philatelic mail and the Postmasters are not permitted to cancel mail received addressed to themselves.

(Signed) Director of Financial Services, P.O.D."

When I started the survey, I wrote to the Director of Financial Services asking for further information and for samples of cancellations used on the Royal Train. Following is the reply I received.

"The Royal Train Post Office was very limited in accommodation and in the number of staff that could serve this office. It was realized that the staff's normal function to provide a complete and expeditious postal service for the Royal Party, the press and security forces and others, would be seriously impaired if the staff was expected to service a very large volume of philatelic covers in addition. For this reason, no philatelic service was authorized or advertised.

"It was known at the time of operations of the Royal Train Post Office that many collectors were obtaining cancellation markings by having a member of the traincrew, the Royal Party, press or security forces, post the covers. These items could not be identified or distinguished from normal mail and had to be forwarded to the addressee. It was with much reluctance, however, that the Department found it necessary to refuse to handle all covers that could be identified as philatelic mail, in some cases many hundreds of pieces from individual dealers in order to avoid overtaxing the accommodation and staff of the Royal Train Post Office.

"All mail handled on the Royal Train was cancelled by hand-stamp reading in English "Royal Train Post Office Canada" or, while in the Province of Quebec, reading in French "Train Royal Bureau de Poste Canada." No count was kept and, of course, it would be impossible to determine the quantity of pieces handled and also the stamps on these pieces. We are not able to locate any person in the Post Office Department who has examples of these covers.

"The Post Office Department is rather jealous of the integrity of its postage stamp cancellations and these items may only be used on legitimate mail matter with the actual date of their cancellation. For this reason, it will not be possible for me to supply you with examples of the cancellations used on the Royal Train. The Department has been obliged to refuse a very large number of requests of this nature.

"No provisions were made for the handling of mail aboard the two Warships, H.M.C.S. Ontario and Crusader. The Royal Party were aboard these two ships for such a short time that it was found satisfactory to handle all of the mail from the Royal Train during the periods that they were embarked. The facsimile of the oval rubber stamp shown in your letter was a "model" date stamp which was used to cancel postage on fragile parcel post matter and also used to date Royal Train Post Office records. A French version of this

stamp was also used in the Province of Quebec.

"There is little doubt that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, would have secured "Royal Train Philatelic Covers" through her Secretary."

I received several interesting anecdotes and comments concerning the Royal Train Covers.

Here is what one collector wrote:

"I got one through from the train addressed to me. It was one on which I placed a Royal Visit stamp and I sent it to the Engineer asking for his autograph. However, it was mailed by a baggage agent and has the English postmark 7 XI. The agent also sent me a booklet of the itinerary. I thought it was very decent of him.

"By some freak of nature I received two covers with the English postmark and date II XI. These are on Capex covers, one with the 4c Capex stamp and the other with the Royal Visit stamp. I sent these to the Postmaster at St. John's, Newfoundland, asking for the St. John's postmark of the day that the Royal Party would be there. How they ever got on the Royal Train I'll never know for the train wasn't in Newfoundland to my knowledge.

"I have two or three other covers which I tie in with the '51 Tour as follows:— a cover mailed aboard the H.M.C.S. Ontario, one from the H.M.C.S. Crusader autographed by the Commanding Officer, and one that was carried on the Empress of France, autographed by the Captain, and postmarked on arrival at Quebec City. If the party had travelled by ship as originally planned, this would have been a rather desirable item."

Another philatelist wrote:

"I have several good covers from the Royal Tour which are as follows:

1. Cover from the "Empress of France" that was to have brought the Princess over. This is autographed by the Captain who retired after this voyage.

2. Cacheted cover autographed by Captain Jones who flew the B.O.A.C. Stratocruiser "Canopie" from England. It is dated Oct. 9, 1951 at Montreal.

3. Plain autographed cover from the B.O.A.C. Stratocruiser "Canopie."

4. Royal Train Cover from Princess Elizabeth dated Oct. 10, 1951.

5. Cacheted Royal Train cover dated Oct. 16, 1951.

6. Cacheted cover from the HMCS Crusader, Oct. 19, 1951. It is stamped with the ship's cancel — rectangular box with the following in three lines: HMCS Crusader/Oct. 19, 1951/Esquimalt, B.C.

7. Cacheted First Day Cover with a block of 4 of the Royal Visit stamp. Dated at Ottawa, Oct. 26, 1951.

8. Cover from the airplane carrying the Princess in Canada. This was autographed by L.A.C. Stewart, pilot of the plane, and is being held at Ottawa by Postal authorities. They were sent to me for identification.

When these two covers were mailed, someone evidently placed a box or book of matches in each. The P.O.D. wrote to find out who had placed them there. Of course I did not. My guess is that someone gave these covers to some person to mail and he put in the matches, either as a joke or as a souvenir.

9. Cacheted cover mailed from Washington on the first day of U.S. visit — Oct. 31.

10. Cover dated Oct. 31, 1951, at Washington. It is stamped with a special cachet which shows 2 flags, names of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh and the duration of the visit — Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 1951.

11. Cover from the HMCS Ontario. This ship took the Princess to Newfoundland. It has the ship's cancel on it — rectangular box with the following arranged in three lines — Mail Office/Nov. 10, 1951/HMCS Ontario.

12. Cover from the S.S. Empress of Scotland — this ship took the Princess home to England. It is cacheted, cancelled with a special cancel — "Royal Voyage", autographed by the Captain and mailed from Liverpool.

There is only one other Royal Tour cover not mentioned above and that is one mailed from the S.S. Empress of Scotland.

If all the information I received is correct, then there are at least 300 Royal Train Covers in the hands of philatelists. Several dealers have estimated that there are as many as 2,500 of them. However, it is doubt-

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11	5s	6.00

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9	5s	3.90
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114	3s	2.40
115	5s	3.60
116	10s	7.50

Bechuanaland Used

114	3s	2.85
115	5s	4.50
135	5s	1.10
136	10s	2.20

Bermuda Mint

49	2s	1.65
52	5s	2.00
53	10s	10.50
61	1s	3.00
79	1s	3.00
97	10s	7.20
98	12s6d	14.00

Bermuda Used

14	1d	6.25
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ROYAL TOUR COVERS

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ful if the true number will ever be known.

If anyone has covers of which I have not been informed, it would be appreciated if these people would get in touch with me, stating all the information about the covers in their possession. Please send such information to: Eugene Barna, R.R. 2, Leamington, Ontario.

Editor's Note:—Mr. Barno submits a list of fifty covers he has compiled showing Royal Train covers on various dates from Oct. 10 to Nov. 11, 1951. Several were franked with Capex stamps but the majority bore Royal Visit stamps, also miscellaneous.

RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

So now we know. The latest news on the Coronation issue is encouraging and I am sure will be welcomed by all collectors. It has been decided that one stamp only will be issued for all Empire countries, which I do not suppose includes the Dominions. We are to have a bi-colored stamp with the Queen's head in black facing left. The design will be the same for all countries. Values and colors will be given out later.

Staggering of the new Queen issues is a question that all collectors and no doubt dealers too are hoping for. It has been stated in the London philatelic press that the new releases may cover a period of two or three years. If this should be so, it will be a blessing and a help to all of us who desire to collect them.

Two strange appearing stamps of Pakistan appeared lately without a name. These would puzzle any collector. At first glance one could well think they were issues from Sudan. Actually they were the centenary issue of Pakistan's first postage stamp.

If you use a Gibbons catalog you may be surprised to note the price advances in the early coils of Great Britain. There should be a number of enthusiastic collectors who put these into their collections a few years ago and now derive some satisfaction as to their present value. While on the subject of Great Britain I note in reading through "SC" of London that quite a boost has been given to the U.P.U. issue mint. I do not know if they were heavily collected here. It would seem to me that the present high values would be worth while saving as these will soon be replaced by new Queen Elizabeth stamps.

In "SC" of London Mr. R. W. Davis writes interestingly about Pictorials for Great Britain. I think the old country would do well to give consideration to the possibilities in making her stamps attractive. Other than the current high values their stamps are deplorably dull and uninteresting. Mr. Davis mentions "tell the world about Britain", I endorse the comment. This could well be done on the higher denominations.

Before this mesage appears we will have had issued three new stamps. I would like to have seen our Prime Minister stamps issue in larger format a la the Bell stamp.

Cheerio for this month, I hope to send you a line in the next issue.

RE "CLUTHA" WATERMARK

An H. R. Harmer Limited catalog of a sale of Paper Maker's Watermarks, in the introduction by H. R. Harmer contains a few notes in connection with the large Queens,—

"An interesting example of progressive discovery in this branch of philatelic study is provided by the watermark on the 1868 Canadian stamps. It had long been known that stamps of the 1868 issue occasionally showed a watermark, and eventually the late John H. Luff succeeded in reconstructing (correctly, except for one letter) the whole watermark, which read: "E & C. Bothwell Clutha Mills" in two lines.

In 1934, Mr. Lees-Jones and Mr. R. Roberts started enquiries about "E and C Bothwell", and found that no firm of that name had ever existed. They traced the watermark to the firm of Messrs. Andrew Whyte & Son Ltd., of Edinburgh, who were able to inform them that the watermark was an "artificial device", and that "E & G." (not C) stood for "Edinburgh & Glasgow", "Bothwelll" for the street in which their warehouse was situated, and "Clutha" for "Clyde."

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A. L. McCready

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Joys of Air Label Collecting

By John A. Bissett-Cormack

Ever since the aeroplane began to be used for the carriage of passengers, baggage, cargo and mail there have been Labels in existence closely linked to this form of transportation and there have also been collectors of these colourful items. Closely allied to these are the Air Event and other Labels which proclaim and commemorate man's mastery over the air. These printed souvenir Labels are widely collected by students of the historical side of Aerophilately.

Air Transport and Air Mail Label collectors are the largest individual group at the moment but due to the multiplicity of various Air Label types almost every collector of Air Labels is interested in, and collects all types of Air Labels, many of which have never been flown, but are merely of a propaganda nature.

The Labels of the early pioneer companies are worthy souvenirs of the courage and daring of the founders, pilots, and other employes, many of whom are now amongst the executives of the present day major Air Lines.

Air Transport Labels are those issued by all the major and minor Air Line Companies, Air Charter Companies and Air Freight Carriers and Forwarders, which are connected in some way or other with the transportation of baggage, passengers or cargo by air.

Air Baggage Labels are by far the most popular group among collectors. They have been more widely used and distributed than most other Air Transport Labels. They are also the most colourful due probably, to the advertising value placed on them by the various companies.

Air Cargo Labels, the majority of which are not nearly as colourful and interesting as baggage labels, serve a large variety of purposes. Included in this class are the labels used to designate packages, parcels and crates to be carried by air. As more and more manufacturing concerns and business houses are realizing the advantages of shipping their wares by air so the usefulness of Air Cargo Labels becomes more apparent and their collecting value increased.

In addition to these two classes there are a large number of labels which can be classified as poster stamps, whilst others have been issued solely for attaching to timetables.

Air Mail Labels are issued for the purpose of cautioning postal clerks to accord Air Mail Service to the letters or packets on which they are used. They are issued by Government Postal Administration as well as by business firms, hotels, airlines and in rare instances by private individuals. General types are made by various concerns for sale to the public.

Air Mail Labels are found in singles, sheets, strips, pads and in booklets, so the enthusiast has plenty of scope for his collection. The Labels like stamps, have their varieties, colour shades, imprints etc.

A collection of Air Labels is quite inexpensive as all but a few of the older and rarer items cost but a penny or two.

In this short article it is impossible to give more than a very brief introduction to what is a very fascinating and interesting hobby. The field is, indeed, a large one with plentiful opportunities for research, and it is only when an accumulation of labels is broken down by types that the real joy of Air Label collecting begins.

If this article inspires others to join in this pursuit, then it has served its purpose. I shall always be pleased to hear from interested persons and all letters sent to me at 75, Overstrand Mansions, Battersea, London, S.W. 11, will receive my prompt and personal attention.

WANTS INFORMATION

Abbotsford, R.R. 1, B.C.
Oct. 15, 1952.

Dear Mr. McCready:

Is there two sizes in the 1868 large Cents issue watermark? Among my 64 is a stamp watermarked with five letters in two rows. Size is about 8 mm. as compared with 10½ mm. on my 2c watermarked.

Would be very interested in hearing from some of your readers who may be able to shed some light on this discovery. — Wm. C. Stanley.

STAMPLESS COVER CATALOG

In the 168 page "United States Stampless Cover Catalog" just issued is included the straight line and oval postmarks for Canada. This is the first time Canada has been included in this elaborate work of H. M. Konwiser.

The list is very up-to-date, including the data found in Capex show, and much detail I found in Toronto public files during Capex week a year ago. Corrections, or new matter, can be sent to me for further listings.

A peculiar query arose lately in regard to the early Canada straight line markings. It is, just when did bright red markings start? Dull red is the rule up to about 1820 in my collection, and it may be a better stamping ink was used sometime about then. Who has earlier clear red marks?

Help is also wanted in regard listing of double circle postmarks that started about 1829. I have a list of 222 items, but about 105 more places should have such markings. So if you have a few of these early double circle items send to me for a list of needed tracings, to see if yours is among said group. I can assure you that anything added to my want list will be a really rare item. Of the list only seven items were located at Toronto in my research last year.

The double circle marking illustrated here is a fine example of a typeset home made postmark. The local printer's type used had a shoulder at the bottom for the descending tail on the lower case letter, hence the hugging top line where all caps were used. The line of type below explains the point:

PpEyNgEqTjmn

Penetanguishene office opened on January 6, 1830, and in my 1835 list is J. M. Hamilton as postmaster.

If you can help in this double circle listing request a list from Frank W. Campbell, 1132 Pinehurst, Royal Oak, Mich.

COLONIAL CORONATIONS

To commemorate the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, arrangements are being made for a special issue of Colonial postage stamps to be placed on sale on Coronation Day. The stamps will remain on sale until the end of 1953, unless stocks have previously been exhausted.

It has been found necessary to restrict the issue to a single value for each participating Administration in a design common to all.

The design will consist of an approved portrait of Her Majesty in a suitable frame, and will include the coronation date, the name of the issuing territory and the value.

With certain exceptions the value will represent the postage required on a local inland letter, and the color will correspond with that of the current stamp of the same value. The portrait will be black on all stamps.

It will not be possible by the date of the Coronation to replace all Colonial stamps which bear the portrait of His late Majesty King Geo. VI with stamps bearing a portrait of Her Majesty the Queen. However, this special issue will ensure that the peoples of the participating territories will be able to see the Portrait of their Queen on at least one stamp at the time of the Coronation.

The design as a whole bears a striking similarity to the famous Chalon head except that the latter was a full-face portrait. But in general lay-out, the Queen Elizabeth Coronation stamp is not unlike the Bahamas, Grenada and Natal issues of 1859-61.

NEW CANADIAN STAMP

The new series of Canadian stamps, bearing the Queen's image, is likely to appear next March. A photograph of the Queen, taken by Yousuf Karsh of Ottawa, has been chosen for the steel engravers to use to work out the stamp plate. The photograph was one of a series taken by Mr. Karsh before the Queen embarked on her famed Canadian tour in 1951.

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LIKES GEO. VI ARTICLE

Dear Mr. McCready,— I would like to congratulate Mr. W. T. Jackson on his interesting article on the subject of George VI issues (Popular Stamps, September). These form a fascinating field for study and I trust that he intends to continue his detailed comments on some of the more interesting stamps of this group.

Being particularly interested in the stamps of Barbados I was glad to note his very fair comments on the ½ to 2½d George VI stamps of this colony and if I may be permitted to do so, would like to add a few comments of my own.

Regarding the scarce one penny scarlet perf 13½ x 13, this stamp was issude in 1938 in both sheet and coil form, the latter in conjunction with the half penny green perf 13½ x 13 stamp of the same issue. Paste-ups occur at every twelfth stamp. The ½ penny bistre and one penny blue-green stamps in the same perf issued in 1942 were also put out in coil form.

Incidentally, I may say that I regard the British Colonial coil stamps (especially those of the B.W. Indies) as an interesting sideline to the regular issues. After all, there is no reason why they should not be catalogued but they seldom are. Certainly, they constitute major varieties. They appear and disappear and appear again in the colonial post offices and for this reason a certain sporting quality attaches to them! This brings me to another sideline—booklets.

In Barbados, the first booklet was issued some time during the life of the 1912 issue and again during the 1920 (Victory) and 1925-35 issues. I have never seen these booklets but have a mint booklet and used panes of the 1938 issue. They were apparently put together in the island by the Advocate Printing Co. and sold for two shillings each. They consist of one pane of ten stamps of the ½ and one penny values and one pane of six of the 1½ penny value. The perforations are 13¼ x 12¾ for the ½ penny, 13¾ x 14 for the one penny and 13 x 12¾ for the 1½ penny. (All perfs are measured with Gibbons "Instanta" gauge). The panes of ½ and one penny stamps were folded down to the size of the pane of six 1½ penny stamps, the size of the booklet being 3 x 2¼ inches. The contents of the booklet were stapled between cardboard covers and included sheets of advertising material between the panes. The stapling varies from right to left sides. The outside of the top cover advertises the Barbados Post Office Guide.

It is interesting to note that an attempt was made to popularize these booklets by means of a slogan obliterator used to cancel mail and reading "Buy Stamp Booklets and 3d P.O. Guide" applied along with the usual circular date stamp. The one in my collection is dated 5th July, 1939.

Regarding constant varieties in the 1938 set up to the 2½ penny value, there is a recognized one on the latter stamp. It takes form of a small vertical, dumbell-shaped spot of blue colour on the ornament at the centre top of the circle which encloses the main portion of the design. This is usually regarded as a transfer flaw and occurs on the stamps 3, 13, and 23. It shows on a sheet of these stamps which I purchased from the post office in 1948. I do not know when it first appeared.

I trust that Mr. Jackson will not mind my making these comments which have been prompted by his article. He has given the lead in the writing up of data on the George VI issues and I feel that is is up to such of your readers as have further information on these issues to send it in. — Very truly yours, Colin H. Bayley (Ottawa Philatelic Society).

BYTOWN CLUB

William Tunnock (Ottawa) was elected president of the newly-named Bytown Stamp Club — formerly the Sandy Hill Stamp Club — when the annual election of officers was held in the Recreation Building at Sandy Hill playgrounds.

The newly-elected slate of officers decided on the new name due to its wider significance. Allan Whalen, immediate past president, presided.

Other officers elected were: honorary president, Charles St. Germain; vice president, Jack Wolfe; secretary, Clarence Ogilvie; treasurer, Syd Bosloy; publicity, Allan Whalen; auctioneer, Ron Laurin; editor club paper, Wilfred Sprung.

FORTY ADVANTAGES, PLEASURES AND BENEFITS OF STAMP COLLECTING

By L. H. Benton

That few amusements have more desirable qualities than Philately is apparent by the following enumerated inducements which causes one to cease to wonder at the large number of devotees to the stamp-collecting pursuit:

1. It is a very fascinating amusement.

2. Taken all in all, it is a general advantage all around; "it is the companion of education."

3. One's geographical knowledge is enhanced by it.

4. It tends to familiarize one with history.

5. Biography is brought up.

6. The various beautiful colors and designs tend to cultivate one's aesthetic tastes.

7. We learn concerning the various political methods of the various governments.

8. An idea of the monetary values of various countries is acquired also.

9. Of the characteristics of the various languages we get some knowledge.

10. Some are inspired to study a language through a curiosity concerning inscriptions on stamps and also from a desire to facilitate the handling of their foreign philatelic correspondence.

11. From the portraits and profiles on stamps an idea of the physiognomical characteristics of the people of various countries is obtained.

12. A familiarity with the arms, flags and national colors of the different nations is unconsciously acquired.

13. The financial benefit accruing from the sale of long-kept rare stamps beats banks or any other institution "out of sight."

14. One's ideas are broadened by the social contact with other stamp collectors, especially in philatelic societies.

15. Correspondence, in regard to buying, selling, exchanging, etc., is a direct aid to a business education.

16. It causes to pass pleasantly and advantageously, educationally speaking, many a winter evening which would otherwise be dull and unprofitable.

17. "It provides many with a purpose in life which they might otherwise lack."

18. "It teaches the science of classification."

19. "It reveals minute objects of interest often times overlooked."

20. "It teaches us 'patience is a virtue' and 'practice makes perfect.'"

21. It cultivates the habit of close observation.

22. It tends to excite one's curiosity to know many things in connection with one's stamps.

23. The heads on stamps gives us an inkling to the official roster of some of the nations.

24. Through the dates of the appearance of stamps containing portraits thereon we get a notion of the official periods of various rulers.

25. Such stamps afford a "picture gallery" of those who stand at the executive helm of nations, and other eminent personages connected with the growth and political progress of said nations.

26. In connection with this they also show one the mark of respect and honor rendered to the original of the profiles on the stamps in acknowledgment of a faithful performance of official duties.

27. It causes a collector to subscribe for philatelic papers, from which is derived much valuable information, and through which one's notions and knowledge are broadened.

28. These may excite a desire to see one's name in print over an article by himself, causing him to contribute to the philatelic press, and if successful is generally kept up to a more or less extent. This is a literary benefit, and may lead to other things.

29. Philatelic papers in various languages tend to cultivate one's linguistic abilities and inclinations.

30. One's knowledge as to where certain languages are used is increased; he learns that French is spoken as much outside of France as within, in Switzerland, Egypt and Canada, etc.

31. A thirst for interesting philatelic statistics and general facts assails him; he finds and reads them.

32. The imagination and comprehensive abilities are augmented.

33. Pronunciation and spelling of various names (especially foreign) is acquired.

34. Through new issues and initial issues there is always something new to learn.

35. The countries to which various colonies and islands belong are quickly known by the heads on the stamps.

36. A knowledge of the variety and large number of colors with their shades and tints is obtained.

37. Social contact with fellow-collectors in exchanging, etc., tends to knock out any selfish notions.

38. If interest in the literary part of philately leads one to publish a stamp paper, that one gets a heap of experience which is more than valuable to him.

39. Philately is verily a branch of education, and a general pleasure embracing multum in parvo.

40. And then the convenient way of keeping stamps, as compared with coins, for instance.

Note by the Author—The items in quotations are the precise words used by other authors in dissertations on "Philatelic Benefits," etc.

SILK THREAD

By A. Granville White, F.C.A.

(From "The Dickinson Review," house organ of John Dickinson & Co. Ltd., England, and its branch firm at Hamilton, Ont.)

The House of Dickinson, today, is perhaps only connected with stamp production in some of the lesser known aspects of that most intricate and specialized industry, but it was not always so and it seemed to me that some echoes of the past might be of interest to the present generation of Dickinsonians.

As is widely known, Great Britain was the first nation to produce and use the adhesive postage stamp — the celebrated "Penny Black"—Possibly the most beautiful stamp of all time. The birth and development of this idea (the Penny Post) were accompanied by numerous growing pains for Rowland Hill, the Postmaster General.

What is not so widely known is that John Dickinson himself had a great deal to do with stamps in those early days and it is on record that Rowland Hill asked him in 1841 to produce some "tub-sized paper" for the production of the Penny Black. He did so, as might be expected, and sent some sheets to Perkins, Bacon & Co., who were the printers.

We have to skip a few years until we come to 1847. There were urgent voices in those early days that these "Postage Paid" stamps could be forged, cleaned and the Revenue thus defrauded. Accordingly, in 1847 when higher face value stamps were under consideration, Rowland Hill and John Dickinson again got together.

The new stamps were to be of the value of sixpence, tenpence, and one shilling. They were to be embossed at the Royal Mint; but Rowland Hill wanted a further safeguard against forgery.

John Dickinson solved the problem with papers containing silk threads in their manufacture which he had produced earlier for envelope making. They varied in color and satisfied Rowland Hill that the new stamps could not be counterfeited. That paper was used for seven years in this country and also abroad in Switzerland, Germany, etc. It is still known — throughout the Philatelic World — as "Dickinson Thread Paper." Its use ceased when stamps came to be printed by surface printing in 1855 and onwards.

This office gets some interestingly franked mail from philatelic sources the world over. The latest was a 4c Prince Edward Island stamp on a cover from Toronto, and rightly or wrongly it got by the P.O. However, we don't expect many will be prepared to use old time high catalogue value stamps of this order—so this one goes into our collection.

We still have the beaver in Canadian wild life.

Aubrey Kelson

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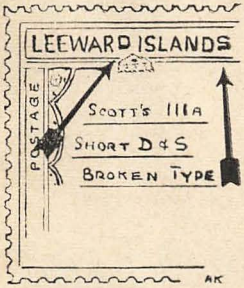
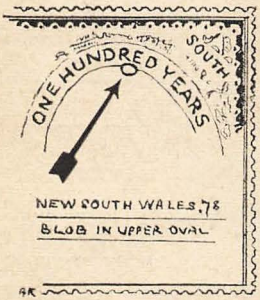


Sketch 332 — Leeward Isles 111a, the 1s with olive back, shows broken type in letters D & S. Sent us by R. L. Cooke.



Sketch 333 — New South Wales 78, the 2d blue with blob on upper oval under R E of hundred. Sent us by Ed. N. Hollway.

U. S. NOTES

By Marion Dick Peyton

These notes had to be omitted for October because of the absence of the writer for six weeks. Time would not permit them while living in YMCA's and hotels in other cities. The writer will be in another city this week again and hopes to be settled permanently. If this is not to be, the column will apear regularly henceforth.

The last U.S. stamp scheduled for this year is the International Red Cross and first day sale will be the 21st November at New York City. This stamp will be printed in two colors.

It is reported that a long series honoring "Famous Americans" will be on the stamp program next year. The names of Stephen Girard, George Westinghouse, Charles Evans Hughes and many others are named to be honored on these stamps.

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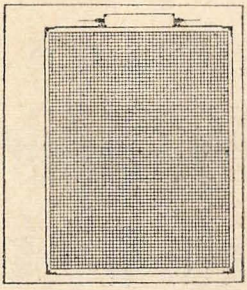

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Ohio has asked for issue next year of a stamp commemorating the 150th anniversary of its entrance in the Union. Others mentioned are issues for Louisiana Purchase and Commodore Perry.

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